

Statement Concerning the Agreement with Georgia Amending the
Agreement of December 30, 2002 Concerning Cooperation in the Area of
Prevention of Proliferation of Technology, Pathogens and Expertise Related
to the Development of Biological Weapons.

Signed at Tbilisi and Washington March 19 and 23, 2004.

Entered into force July 22, 2004.

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Explanation of Agreement:

The 2002 Agreement provided the terms and conditions under which the Department of Defense (DoD) of the United States of America assists the Ministry of Defense (MoD) of Georgia Concerning Cooperation in the Area of Prevention of Proliferation of Technology, Pathogens and Expertise Related to the Development of Biological Weapons. The current agreement amends Article III, Paragraph 1 by replacing the words "five (5) million" with the words "fifteen (15) million." Additionally, it amends Article IV of the Agreement by adding new Paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7, concerning the transfer, consolidation and storage, of pathogen samples, and the development and certification of an annual plan describing the specifics of each project undertaken pursuant to the Agreement.

Legal Authority:

The United States Constitution Article II; and the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 5951-5958.